IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SCHADE et al. BOX PCT

International Application No.

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For: THE USE OF COPOLYMERS OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND LONG-CHAIN COMPOUNDS WITH ISOLATED C-C MULTIPLE BONDS AS THICKENERS OR DISPERSANTS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Concurrent with the filing of this National Stage application, kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 179

Add new claims 10-16 as shown in the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been replaced by new claims 10-16 which are in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action is urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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